

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	Learning to live with Covid-19 and working towards Economic Recovery
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

- 1.1. Note that, as the crisis subsides and learning to live with Covid-19 becomes the norm, future reports will focus primarily on economic recovery unless there is a matter of significance to report
- 1.2. Notes that in February 2022, the much-awaited government White Paper, Levelling Up the United Kingdom, was published, which will now guide the work regarding the County Deal as previously approved by Cabinet and County Council, with Cabinet continuing to endorse the direction of travel of this work as set out in this paper in line with previous recommendations detailed in Para 53.
- 1.3. Note the position on economic recovery action taken and the continued development of the opportunities that arise for the region through the prospects of a County Deal and the potentially significant contribution a Deal could make to both the strength and nature of that economic recovery as outlined in the report, as well as an opportunity to secure wider public services reform and enhanced place leadership at different spatial levels.
- 1.4. Note that through the implementation of the COVID vaccination programme the link between infection rates and hospitalisation and deaths has been largely broken. Nevertheless, as a society and in our role as the public health authority there is a need to manage rates of infections.
- 1.5. Note the contents of this report as a further summary of the exceptional events and recovery actions taken by the County Council concerning the COVID-19 crisis, bearing in mind that this remains a high-level analysis.

1.6. Continue to recognise the on-going exceptional commitment and flexibility of the staff of the County Council as the crisis has progressed.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. To provide Cabinet with an update on the Covid crisis as it is affecting the County Council, as an organisation and for the residents of the county and the progress on economic recovery, particularly with respect to the County Deal.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

15 March 2022

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**